

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled):

9. (New): A process for producing a sealed container from a tubular blank of square cross section by folding and sealing a container bottom forming portion of the blank to form a flat bottom, the process being characterized in that the process includes the step of sealing the bottom by collapsing an opening edge part of the container bottom forming portion to a flat form and sealing opposed walls of the collapsed opening edge part as lapped over each other to form a straight bottom seal rib.

10. (New): A process for producing a sealed container according to claim 9 which includes the step of sealing a top by forming a container top forming portion of the blank into a top in the form of a gabled roof and forming at a top portion corresponding to the ridge of the roof a top seal rib having inwardly folded gussets, the bottom sealing step and the top sealing step being so practiced that the bottom seal rib and the top seal rib are positioned across each other when seen axially of the blank.

11. (New): A process for producing a sealed container according to claim 9 wherein the bottom sealing step is followed by the step of sealing ears by forming the entire container bottom forming portion to a flat form so as to cause a pair of triangular ears to project from a lower end of a container trunk forming portion longitudinally of the bottom seal rib and joining the triangular ears as lapped over the flat part of the container bottom forming portion by sealing.

12. (New): A process for producing a sealed container according to claim 10 wherein the bottom sealing step is followed by the step of sealing ears by forming the entire container bottom forming portion to a flat form so as to cause a pair of triangular ears to project from a lower end of a container trunk forming portion longitudinally of the bottom seal rib and joining the triangular ears as lapped over the flat part of the container bottom forming portion by sealing.